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An employment increase of 2,200 was recorded in Connecticut during October when unemployment dropped and wages and personal income reached new record high levels, State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro reports.

Employment, Wages and Hours: October's job gains brought overall employment to a high of 1,625,400, a 2.1 percent increase over last year's level of 1,592,700 (page 2). Manufacturing employment was up by 1,100 from September to 403,800, with both monthly and annual gains in several categories. A modest employment increase was recorded in nonmanufacturing which reflected a labor/management dispute in the communications industry. Wholesale and retail trade had higher employment levels, government employment increased and there was a slight monthly drop in construction which was up more than seven percent from 1985. Employment topped last year's levels in all labor markets except Waterbury where there was a one percent decline (pages 5 & 6).

Average earnings of factory production workers rose to new highs of $10.08 per hour and $421.34 weekly (page 3) for a longer workweek of 41.8 hours. This compared with October 1985 earnings of $9.65 an hour and $402.41 a week for a 41.7-hour workweek. Computed on a straight-time basis, wages this October were $9.66 hourly and $386 weekly, up from $9.24 and $369.60 respectively a year ago. Construction workers continued to receive the highest weekly pay at a $606.88 weekly average, followed by those in transportation equipment, chemicals, paper and machinery. Among the six major labor markets, the highest weekly wages were paid to factory workers in Stamford, New Britain and Hartford (page 6).

Unemployment: There was a monthly unemployment decrease of 4,100 to 59,200 or 3.3 percent, the lowest level since the final quarter of 1969, and the seasonally adjusted rate moved down from 4 to 3.6 percent (page 4). Last year there were an estimated 72,600 people unemployed in the state for a 4.2 percent actual rate, seasonally adjusted to 4.7 percent. The October rates for Connecticut remained well below the national 6.6 percent actual and 7 percent adjusted figures. Unemployment was down from September in 12 labor markets, increased in three and was under 1985 in all markets except the Lower River area where it was unchanged at 3 percent from 1985. Initial (new) filings for unemployment insurance benefits also were down from September. Included in the unemployment estimate were those persons receiving unemployment payments, others who were ineligible and whose benefits expired and persons entering or reentering the labor force.

Other Indicators: Several economic indicators (page 7) showed monthly and over-the-year improvement, with personal income of state residents reaching a new monthly high of $4-billion, 877-million and higher manufacturing output.

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A report on 1985 worker wages in Connecticut is attached.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household, self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	October 1986	September 1986	October 1985 (R)	% Change Oct. '86 over Sep. '86	% Change Oct. '86 over Oct. '85
Total Nonag. Employment....	1,625,400*	1,623,200*	1,592,700*	+ 0.1	+ 2.1
Manufacturing.....	403,800*	402,700*	409,100*	+ 0.3	- 1.3
Durable.....	300,200*	299,500*	306,400*	+ 0.2	- 2.0
Lumber & Furniture.....	7,700	7,700	7,800	0.0	- 1.3
Primary Metals.....	13,000*	13,000*	14,100	0.0	- 7.8
Fabricated Metals.....	44,300*	44,200*	49,100	+ 0.2	- 9.8
Machinery exc. Elec.....	46,400	46,700	48,700*	- 0.6	- 4.7
Electrical Equipment....	60,000	59,700	59,700	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
Transportation Equipment	86,500	86,100	84,200	+ 0.5	+ 2.7
Instruments & Clocks....	26,500	26,600	27,300	- 0.4	- 2.9
Other Durable.....	15,800	15,500	15,500	+ 1.9	+ 1.9
Nondurable.....	103,600	103,200	102,700*	+ 0.4	+ 0.9
Food.....	13,600	13,500	13,200	+ 0.7	+ 3.0
Textiles.....	5,800	5,700	5,800	+ 1.8	0.0
Apparel.....	9,700	9,700	9,900*	0	- 2.0
Paper.....	9,700	9,700	9,700	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing...	27,500	27,200	27,100	+ 1.1	+ 1.5
Chemicals.....	22,600	22,700	22,600	- 0.4	0.0
Rubber & Misc. Plastics.	13,100	13,200	13,000*	- 0.8	+ 0.8
Other Nondurable.....	1,600	1,500	1,400	+ 6.7	+ 14.3
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,221,600*	1,220,500*	1,183,600	+ 0.1	+ 3.2
Construction & Mining....	78,700	79,000	73,200	- 0.4	+ 7.5
Transportation.....	39,400	39,400	37,700	0.0	+ 4.5
Motor Freight & Warehsg.	15,000	14,800	14,500	+ 1.4	+ 3.4
Other Transportation....	24,400	24,600	23,200	- 0.8	+ 5.2
Communications.....	10,700*	19,800	19,700	- 46.0	- 45.7
Utilities.....	12,700	12,700	12,700	0.0	0.0
Trade.....	370,200	368,900	357,800	+ 0.4	+ 3.5
Wholesale.....	85,100	85,600	84,200	+ 0.6	+ 2.3
Retail.....	284,100	283,300	273,600	+ 0.3	+ 3.8
General Merchandise....	37,900	36,400	36,600	+ 4.1	+ 3.6
Food Stores.....	51,700	52,000	49,600	- 0.6	+ 4.2
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta...	31,500	31,500	29,900	0.0	+ 5.4
Restaurants.....	81,700	83,500	80,300	- 2.2	+ 1.7
Other Retail Trade.....	81,300	79,900	77,200	+ 1.8	+ 5.3
Finance, Ins. &..R.E.....	139,900	139,500*	132,000	+ 0.3	+ 6.0
Banking.....	31,100	31,000	29,600	+ 0.3	+ 5.1
Insurance.....	76,800	76,600	72,800	+ 0.3	+ 5.5
Real Estate.....	13,800	13,900*	12,900	- 0.7	+ 7.0
Other Fin.,Ins. & R.E...	18,200	18,000	16,700	+ 1.1	+ 9.0
Services.....	373,300	371,200*	358,200	+ 0.6	+ 4.2
Hotels.....	11,100	11,100	9,800	0.0	+ 13.3
Personal Services.....	18,100	18,000	17,300	+ 0.6	+ 4.6
Business Services.....	86,000	85,500	80,300	+ 0.6	+ 7.1
Health Services.....	113,500	112,800*	112,100	+ 0.6	+ 1.2
Law & Professional.....	29,600	29,200	27,300	+ 1.4	+ 8.4
Educational Services....	34,900	34,100	33,600	+ 2.3	+ 3.9
Other Services.....	80,100	80,500	77,800	- 0.5	+ 3.0
Government.....	196,700	190,000	192,300	+ 3.5	+ 2.3
Federal.....	23,500	23,300	22,900	+ 0.9	+ 2.6
State & Local.....	173,200	166,700	169,400	+ 3.9	+ 2.2

*Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Oct. 1986	Sep. 1986	Oct. 1985	Oct. 1986	Sep. 1986	Oct. 1985	Oct. 1986	Sep. 1986	Oct. 1985
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$421.34	$418.50[R]	$402.41	41.8	41.6	41.7	$10.08	$10.06[R]	$ 9.65
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	433.39	431.34[R]	413.55	42.2	42.0	41.9	10.27	10.27[R]	9.87
Lumber & Furniture.....	328.36	326.19	320.45	41.2	41.5	42.5	7.97	7.86	7.54
Primary Metals.....	434.57	443.89[R]	435.01	43.5	44.3[R]	42.9	9.99	10.02[R]	10.14
Fabricated Metals.....	406.50	403.62	384.22	42.3	42.0	41.9	9.61	9.61	9.17
Machinery.....	463.91	461.49	451.07	42.6	42.3	43.0	10.89	10.91	10.49
Electrical Equipment.....	358.90	355.42	338.18	41.3	40.9	40.5	8.69	8.69	8.35
Transportation Equipment.....	522.33	520.29	498.19	42.5	42.3	41.9	12.29	12.30	11.89
Instruments and Clocks.....	401.85	394.07	389.85	42.3	41.7	42.7	9.50	9.45	9.13
Other Durable Mfg.....	385.33	390.60	373.43	41.3	42.0	41.4	9.33	9.30	9.02
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	386.92	383.67	369.90	40.6	40.6	41.1	9.53	9.45	9.00
Food.....	380.83	373.63	385.05	38.9	38.4	42.5	9.79	9.73	9.06
Textiles.....	321.85	326.70	307.22	41.0	42.1	40.8	7.85	7.76	7.53
Apparel.....	243.97	244.08	234.60	38.3	37.9	39.1	6.37	6.44	6.00
Paper.....	469.64	463.38	449.19	44.6	44.3	43.4	10.53	10.46	10.35
Printing and Publishing.....	371.69	368.63	355.09	38.2	38.6	38.1	9.73	9.55	9.32
Chemicals.....	500.87	484.26	481.50	42.7	42.0	43.3	11.73	11.53	11.12
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	344.04	349.86	327.76	41.5	41.7	41.7	8.29	8.39	7.86
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	325.01	311.35	321.59	36.6	36.5	39.9	8.88	8.53	8.06
CONSTRUCTION.....	606.88	600.18	620.14	39.9	39.8	40.4	15.21	15.08	15.35

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UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY STATISTICAL AREA

	October Number	1986 Ratio to Labor Force	September Number	1986 Ratio to Labor Force	October Number	1985(R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals* Actual...	59,200	3.3	63,300	3.6	72,600	4.2
Seasonally Adjusted...		(3.6)		(4.0)		(4.7)
Statistical Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	9,800	4.1	10,600	4.5	11,700	5.1
Bristol.....	1,400	3.7	1,400	3.8	1,800	4.7
Danbury.....	3,700	3.1	3,700	3.2	4,000	3.5
Danielson.....	1,700	4.7	2,000	5.6	2,000	5.9
Hartford.....	12,800	3.0	13,800	3.2	15,400	3.7
Middletown.....	1,500	3.0	1,300	2.5	1,700	3.5
Lower River.....	500	3.1	400	2.4	500	3.1
New Britain.....	2,600	3.5	2,900	4.0	3,400	4.6
New Haven.....	8,800	3.2	9,300	3.4	11,000	4.2
New London/Norwich*..	4,700	3.4	5,300	3.8	6,100	4.6
Norwalk.....	2,100	2.5	2,300	2.8	2,600	3.2
Stamford.....	3,000	2.5	3,200	2.7	3,700	3.1
Torrington.....	1,500	3.1	1,700	3.4	2,000	4.2
Waterbury.....	4,700	4.6	5,100	4.9	6,200	5.9
Willimantic.....	700	2.4	600	2.3	900	3.3
Civilian U.S. Total-Actual.....	7,842,000	6.6	8,015,000	6.8	7,917,000	6.8
Seasonally Adjusted....		(7.0)		(7.0)		(7.1)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Oct. '86	Sep.'86	Oct. '85
All Items.....	330.5	330.2	325.5
Percent Change From.....	xxx	+ 0.1	+ 1.5

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Statistical Area	Oct.'86	Sep.'86	Oct.'85(R)	Percent Change to Oct.'86 from: Sep.'86	Oct.'85
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Empl.	197,720*	197,080*	193,180	+ 0.3	+ 2.3
Manufacturing	62,230*	62,010*	62,760	+ 0.4	- 0.8
Nonmanufacturing	135,490*	135,070	130,420	+ 0.3	+ 3.9
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Empl.	24,980*	25,000	24,930	- 0.1	+ 0.2
Manufacturing	8,380	8,380	9,020	0.0	- 7.1
Nonmanufacturing	16,600*	16,620	15,910	- 0.1	+ 4.3
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	82,120*	81,430	80,030	+ 0.8	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	25,310	25,410	26,450	- 0.4	- 4.3
Nonmanufacturing	56,810*	56,020	53,580	+ 1.4	+ 6.0
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,900*	23,010	22,590	- 0.5	+ 1.4
Manufacturing	9,270	9,200	9,540	+ 0.8	- 2.8
Nonmanufacturing	13,630*	13,810	13,050	- 1.3	+ 4.4
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	460,780*	460,610*	449,010*	+ 0.1	+ 2.6
Manufacturing	92,520*	92,320*	92,920*	+ 0.2	- 0.4
Nonmanufacturing	368,260*	368,290*	356,090	- 0.1	+ 3.4
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	43,160*	42,860	41,510	+ 0.7	+ 4.0
Manufacturing	10,810	10,690	10,240	+ 1.1	+ 5.6
Nonmanufacturing	32,350*	32,170	31,270	+ 0.6	+ 3.5
LOWER RIVER					
Total Nonag. Empl.	13,490*	13,620	13,140	- 1.0	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	4,470	4,480	4,580	- 0.2	- 2.4
Nonmanufacturing	9,020*	9,140	8,560	- 1.3	+ 5.4
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	63,740*	63,850	62,790*	- 0.2	+ 1.5
Manufacturing	21,110	21,480	21,630*	- 1.7	- 2.4
Nonmanufacturing	42,630*	42,370	41,160	+ 0.6	+ 3.6
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Empl.	239,670*	243,470*	238,660	- 1.6	+ 0.4
Manufacturing	46,950	46,660	47,310	+ 0.6	- 0.8
Nonmanufacturing	192,720*	196,810*	191,350	- 2.1	+ 0.7
NEW LONDON-NORWICH**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	116,970*	118,710	114,790	- 1.5	+ 1.9
Manufacturing	34,380	34,300	34,670	+ 0.2	- 0.8
Nonmanufacturing	82,590*	84,410	80,120	- 2.2	+ 3.1
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Empl.	73,620*	73,320	72,050	+ 0.4	+ 2.2
Manufacturing	21,500	21,510	21,670	+ 0.4	- 0.3
Nonmanufacturing	52,020*	51,810	50,380	+ 0.4	+ 3.3
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Empl.	124,440*	124,610	121,850	- 0.1	+ 2.1
Manufacturing	26,100	26,410	28,080	- 1.2	- 7.1
Nonmanufacturing	98,340*	98,200	93,770	+ 0.1	+ 4.9

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK (Continued)

Statistical Area	Oct.'86	Sep.'86	Oct.'85(R)	Percent Change to Aug.'86 from: Sep.'86	Oct.'85
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Empl.	31,870*	31,840	30,780	+ 0.1	+ 3.5
Manufacturing	7,050	6,970	7,290	+ 1.1	- 3.3
Nonmanufacturing	24,820*	24,870	23,490	- 0.2	+ 5.7
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Empl.	84,990*	83,870*	85,870	+ 1.3	- 1.0
Manufacturing	26,450	26,670	28,130	- 0.8	- 6.0
Nonmanufacturing	58,540*	57,200*	57,740	+ 2.3	+ 1.4
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,420*	21,090	22,180*	+ 0.6	+ 1.1
Manufacturing	1,730	1,710	1,560*	+ 1.2	+ 10.9
Nonmanufacturing	20,690*	19,380	20,620	+ 6.8	+ 0.3

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Statistical Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

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Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY STATISTICAL AREA* MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. 1986	Sep. 1986	Oct. 1985	Oct. 1986	Sep. 1986	Oct. 1985	Oct. 1986	Sep. 1986	Oct. 1985
Bridgeport	$422.71	$424.97[R]	$411.41	41.0	41.1	41.1	$10.31	$10.34[R]	$10.01
Hartford	433.68	434.50	416.00	41.7	41.9	41.6	10.40	10.37	10.00
New Britain	446.90	446.69	420.42	42.4	42.3	42.0	10.54	10.56	10.01
New Haven	403.91	403.35	370.06	41.3	41.2	40.8	9.78	9.79	9.07
Stamford	455.81	425.18	415.67	41.4	38.9	42.2	11.01	10.93	9.85
Waterbury	371.51	365.85	355.26	42.9	42.1	42.7	8.66	8.69	8.32

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* Implementation of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (Gramm-Rudman-Hollings) has resulted in funding cuts in Federal-State cooperative statistical programs. Because of this, the preparation and publication of factory production worker hours and earnings estimates for Connecticut's smaller labor market areas have been shifted from a monthly to a quarterly basis.

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the statistical areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Income Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1985							
Jan....	1532.2	1553.1	7209	4829	5.5	4.8	4452.5
Feb....	1529.7	1553.2	3943	4743	5.6	5.0	4481.3
Mar....	1543.2	1558.8	3375	4654	5.1	4.8	4484.8
Apr....	1557.3	1559.4	3827	4605	4.9	5.0	4480.4
May....	1567.6	1560.7	3513	4634	4.8	5.0	4490.8
Jun....	1582.7	1564.3	4468	4672	5.0	5.1	4506.2
Jul....	1564.0	1570.0	6658	4592	5.3	5.2	4521.6
Aug....	1569.8	1585.9	4360	4831	4.8	5.0	4564.7
Sep....	1583.6	1573.9	2685	4095	4.3	4.8	4579.8
Oct....	1592.7	1581.5	3508	4532	4.2	4.7	4607.5
Nov....	1598.0	1582.6	3484	3889	4.2	4.5	4635.7
Dec....	1601.2	1580.8	6828	3943	4.6	4.6	4652.6
1986							
Jan....	1571.1	1591.8	7749	5190	4.5	3.9	4690.4
Feb....	1568.5	1592.4	3936	4736	4.3	3.8	4717.9
Mar....	1581.1	1597.1	3240	4469	4.0	3.8	4728.8
Apr....	1597.6	1599.2	3422	4118	3.6	3.6	4739.2
May....	1607.7	1601.3	3002	3960	3.5	3.7	4758.2
Jun....	1622.6	1603.4	3761	3934	3.7	3.7	4780.3
Jul....	1605.5	1611.9	5109	3523	4.1	4.0	4802.8
Aug....	1607.6	1623.8	3571	3995	3.9	4.1	4849.6
Sep....	1623.2	1613.5	2347	3578	3.6	4.0	4864.2
Oct....	1625.4	1614.1	2605	3366	3.3	3.6	4877.6
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1985						
Jan....	8869	10738	42.4	42.3	128.6	124.2
Feb....	10792	14910	42.3	42.3	127.8	123.7
Mar....	20947	18643	42.2	42.1	128.8	123.9
Apr....	17866	19346	41.9	41.9	127.7	122.8
May....	16611	15787	41.6	41.7	125.6	121.4
Jun....	13322	11205	41.8	41.9	126.7	122.8
Jul....	14158	16062	41.5	41.7	105.7	122.2
Aug....	15383	13216	41.2	41.6	107.8	122.9
Sep....	17175	15667	41.6	41.7	126.4	123.2
Oct....	23513	24287	41.7	41.7	127.4	124.0
Nov....	11821	10058	42.3	42.0	129.5	124.0
Dec....	11690	13543	42.6	42.1	115.6	122.4
1986						
Jan....	17276	20915	42.2	42.2	129.8	125.3
Feb....	11526	15920	41.7	41.7	128.5	124.4
Mar....	11124	9897	41.9	41.9	129.9	125.0
Apr....	27193*	29462*	41.9	41.9	129.8	124.8
May....	13873	13187	41.5	41.6	129.3	124.9
Jun....	16685	14033	41.8	41.9	130.5	126.5
Jul....	13991	15881	41.4	41.6	107.1	124.4
Aug....	17104	14694	41.2	41.6	110.3	125.8
Sep....	14550	13276	41.6	41.7	131.4	128.1
Oct....	13772	14227	41.8	41.8	132.6	129.0
Nov....						
Dec....						

*Data affected by administrative factors

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid (000)	Employer Contributions Collected (000)
1971	69,403	$ 229,238	$ 63,191
1972	51,737	161,851	92,681
1973	36,314	117,610	114,163
1974	49,255	163,258	124,859
1975	83,971	298,345	140,940
1976	67,864	238,013	164,922
1977	53,699	193,150	177,719
1978	37,220	138,351	189,892
1979	30,876	114,926	181,376
1980	37,463	163,644	174,402
1981	36,507	173,725	167,840
1982	47,952	262,962	183,733
1983	40,251	232,255	201,578
1984	25,428	154,180	238,511
1985	26,449	177,887	249,065
Jan'85	35,726	$ 19,865	$ 7,284
Feb	34,383	19,148	16,465
Mar	31,626	17,506	725
Apr	26,482	15,989	23,796
May	23,399	13,640	108,676
Jun	23,058	11,704	1,253
Jul	28,166	16,390	19,981
Aug	28,186	13,961	39,050
Sep	21,757	11,923	886
Oct	19,713	12,005	9,898
Nov	20,113	10,774	20,391
Dec	24,780	14,978	658
Jan'86	39,301	21,606	7,426
Feb	33,020	19,053	16,808
Mar	30,986	19,496	714
Apr	25,332	15,528	35,043
May	21,832	12,810	90,339
Jun	22,048	12,974	1,662
Jul	24,767	13,734	17,325
Aug	24,416	12,797	37,543
Sep	19,880	12,221	955
Oct	17,903	10,473	10,716
Nov			
Dec			

*Interest bearing

Federal Loans (000)	
1972	$ 31,800
1973	21,700
1974	8,500
1975	203,000
1976	137,000
1977	75,000
1978	37,000
1983	63,806*

Direct Loan Repayments (000)	
1976	$ 26,000
1977	27,300
1978	37,300
1979	39,600
1984	30,876
1985	32,930
1986	40,187

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction (000)	
1975	$ 12,906
1981	46,537
1982	49,496
1983	53,975
1984	57,349
1985	61,138
1986 (thru 7/31/86)	61,876

Total Outstanding Loans - (10/31/86)

Non-interest bearing:
$ 0

Interest bearing:
$ 0

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (9/30/86)
$189.7 million

CONNECTICUT WORKERS AVERAGE $21,239 IN 1985

Total wages paid in Connecticut to workers covered under the provisions of state and federal unemployment insurance laws reached almost $33 billion dollars in 1985, an increase of more than $2.7 billion or 7.5 percent from 1984.

Average annual earnings equaled $21,239 per employee, or $408.44 per week, a 6.3 percent rise above the $384.23 average of a year earlier.

The number of business establishments subject to the unemployment insurance laws grew to 86,441 from 84,229, and annual average employment in these firms increased by 2.6 percent to 1,549,311. Employment grew in every industry sector except manufacturing where the level dropped by 1.6 percent, about 6,500 employees.

Highest annual average earnings were $50,157 reported for the employees of security and commodity brokers, an increase of 11.6 percent over the year, and $46,293 reported by holding and other investment offices, a decrease of 0.2 percent from 1984.

Lowest yearly wages, $7,365, were earned by employees in eating establishments. Salary averages are lower in this and other industries such as retail stores, gas stations, private households and agriculture, where many employees work on a part-time basis.

The mining industry in the state is small but includes several corporate headquarter divisions, hence relatively high average earnings of $38,255, an increase of 6.5 percent from 1984.

In manufacturing, the average wage amounted to $26,896 (+6.4%). Top earnings of $42,899 were reported by the relatively small tobacco industry, which employed an average of only 554 workers during the year. The next highest manufacturing earnings were $37,102 in chemicals (+12.6%) and $32,294 in transportation equipment (+7.4%). The lowest paid manufacturing industries were leather and leather products ($11,840), apparel ($16,504) and textile mill products ($18,055).

At the lower end of the finance sector were real estate firms $21,417 (+12.6%) and banks $18,539 (+7.6%). Both of these industry groups employ many part-time staffers.

Connecticut construction industry workers averaged $25,604 in 1985, up 2.6 percent from a year earlier. Workers in the heavy construction industries earned the highest average wage, $36,165 (just 0.2 percent above the 1984 level), compared with workers for general building contractors ($24,611) and special trade contractors ($23,801).

Agricultural employee earnings averaged $12,551 in 1985 and were up 6 percent over 1984. Among government employees, earnings averaged $21,320 per year, while service industry workers averaged $17,567 and wholesale trade workers averaged $28,332.

Less than one percent of all wage and salary workers in Connecticut are not covered under unemployment insurance laws and are therefore not represented in the attached tables. These include the self-employed, some agricultural workers, and unpaid family members.

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COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES BY INDUSTRY *
FOR 1985

INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION	UNITS REPORTING 4TH QTR	ANNUAL AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT	TOTAL WAGES	ANNUAL AVERAGE WAGE	AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE
TOTAL - ALL INDUSTRIES	84,991	1,549,311	32,935,000,930	21,259	408.99
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING	1,592	12,221	153,586,889	12,551	241.37
AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION - CROPS	119	4,916	99,492,355	20,121	199.67
AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION - LIVESTOCK	93	1,302	28,993,781	15,702	301.96
AGRICULTURE SERVICES	1,349	6,916	86,969,868	13,471	259.17
FORESTRY AND FISHING	21	88	1,780,880	20,237	389.17
MINING	82	1,633	62,970,891	38,255	735.67
CONSTRUCTION	9,998	65,872	1,686,668,389	25,609	492.38
GENERAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS	3,190	18,289	450,105,550	24,611	473.29
HEAVY CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS	372	8,469	204,111,881	24,105	463.48
SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS	6,436	39,179	932,380,877	23,801	457.71
MANUFACTURING	8,518	408,258	12,980,576,090	26,896	517.23
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS	219	13,291	310,265,584	23,342	449.27
TOBACCO MANUFACTURERS	6	554	23,765,931	42,899	824.98
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	83	5,475	99,849,607	18,055	347.21
APPAREL AND OTHER TEXTILE PRODUCTS	701	9,230	152,336,164	16,504	317.38
LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS	296	3,277	68,250,377	20,827	400.52
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	110	4,164	80,993,209	19,452	373.69
PAPER AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	107	9,761	293,396,194	30,056	578.04
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	897	27,087	586,814,265	21,664	416.62
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	165	22,913	838,557,630	37,182	715.52
PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS	19	496	16,330,729	31,870	612.88
RUBBER AND MISC. PLASTIC PRODUCTS	283	13,349	313,999,961	23,522	452.35
LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	17	776	8,595,569	11,698	227.69
STONE, CLAY AND GLASS PRODUCTS	161	5,417	131,495,899	24,275	466.83
PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES	209	14,615	385,393,798	26,299	505.65
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	1,017	49,262	1,150,226,654	23,358	449.58
MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	1,430	58,881	1,353,576,395	27,671	520.60
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT	511	58,796	1,526,061,280	25,955	499.13
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	163	83,189	2,466,329,685	32,296	621.09
INSTRUMENTS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	259	27,935	706,839,240	27,222	523.58
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	225	10,852	225,579,507	22,041	431.56
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS & UTIL.	2,685	65,930	1,708,578,981	26,522	510.04
LOCAL AND INTERURBAN PASSENGER TRANSIT	264	8,990	117,877,631	13,570	261.11
TRUCKING AND WAREHOUSING	1,819	34,253	903,454,139	26,897	463.90
WATER TRANSPORTATION	165	1,817	48,048,292	26,444	508.54
TRANSPORTATION BY AIR	128	3,410	83,755,861	29,562	472.35
RAILROAD AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	633	5,469	123,967,067	22,667	435.90
COMMUNICATION AND UTILITIES	484	12,002	1,036,468,016	32,308	622.85
WHOLESALE TRADE	8,766	82,513	2,337,752,899	28,332	544.85
WHOLESALE TRADE - DURABLE GOODS	5,569	50,547	1,519,417,769	29,965	576.25
WHOLESALE TRADE - NONDURABLE GOODS	3,137	31,966	818,335,625	25,750	495.19
RETAIL TRADE	18,678	264,979	7,961,258,536	11,175	214.90
BUILDING MATERIALS AND GARDEN SUPPLIES	975	18,329	468,943,937	18,253	351.02
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	378	35,366	761,598,914	10,229	196.62
FOOD STORES	2,899	47,933	484,999,283	10,118	194.58
AUTOMOTIVE DEALERS & SERVICE STATIONS	2,519	29,185	541,357,853	18,680	357.69
APPAREL AND ACCESSORIES STORES	1,987	17,365	188,982,597	10,422	200.42
FURNITURE AND HOME FURNISHING STORES	1,998	10,335	168,379,169	15,529	298.63
EATING AND DRINKING PLACES	9,888	77,523	569,513,483	7,345	141.63
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL	9,914	37,296	879,584,610	12,742	245.04
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE	6,298	128,841	3,161,577,384	24,539	471.90
BANKING	582	29,709	558,662,786	18,539	356.52
CREDIT AGENCIES OTHER THAN BANKS	686	9,108	215,690,787	23,688	455.59
SECURITY, COMMODITY BROKERS & SERVICES	475	5,811	251,335,781	50,157	964.56
INSURANCE CARRIERS	923	61,766	1,587,831,867	25,812	492.59
INSURANCE AGENTS, BROKERS & SERVICES	1,372	9,258	226,849,201	24,529	471.62
REAL ESTATE	2,447	12,368	258,459,972	20,897	411.87
COMBINED REAL ESTATE, INSURANCE, ETC.	81	531	11,506,548	21,670	416.73
HOLDING AND OTHER INVESTMENT OFFICES	194	1,469	65,226,420	44,293	898.25
SERVICES	28,895	333,758	5,867,667,785	17,567	337.83
HOTELS AND OTHER LODGING PLACES	331	9,513	98,897,926	10,387	198.21
PERSONAL SERVICES	3,825	17,848	185,845,342	10,414	200.27
BUSINESS SERVICES	6,999	77,199	1,431,128,889	18,538	356.50
AUTO REPAIR, SERVICES AND GARAGES	4,897	30,277	463,889,895	15,321	305.02
MISCELLANEOUS REPAIR SERVICES	918	4,895	78,368,279	19,136	368.00
MOTION PICTURES	242	1,875	32,399,518	17,277	332.25
AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION SERVICES	951	11,529	137,987,396	11,967	230.13
HEALTH SERVICES	5,788	111,087	2,888,883,620	26,730	568.75
LEGAL SERVICES	1,869	18,871	268,388,853	24,795	476.83
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	532	29,837	538,713,658	18,329	352.58
SOCIAL SERVICES	1,709	18,793	211,783,967	11,265	216.63
MUSEUMS, BOTANICAL, ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS	52	981	11,296,771	11,465	220.48
MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS	1,389	11,845	134,168,538	11,387	217.99
PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS	2,331	3,697	31,939,552	9,193	175.85
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	1,918	16,227	967,659,879	78,878	554.23
GOVERNMENT	3,307	185,326	3,951,870,572	21,329	410.08
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	961	23,391	618,995,372	26,173	503.32
STATE GOVERNMENT	638	54,815	1,260,839,818	23,362	448.68
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	2,288	107,998	2,879,334,199	19,258	370.34

* COVERED EMPLOYMENT UNDER UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE LAWS INCLUDES ALL WORKERS WITH THE FOLLOWING GENERAL EXCEPTIONS: (1) RAILROAD EMPLOYEES WHO ARE COVERED UNDER A SPECIAL RAILROAD UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT; (2) RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AND SOME PRIVATE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS RUN BY PARISH CHURCHES; AND (3) CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL AND PRIVATE HOUSEHOLD WORKERS WHOSE EMPLOYERS DO NOT MEET THE SIZE OR PAYROLL OR TIME CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE LAWS.